

Independence

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Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening

Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Tours are offered every 20 minutes, tickets are required. Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.

Congress Hall.....11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

Free Quaker Meeting House..... open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at Noon

Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery. (15 min)

“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” Sat-Sun at 2:00 p.m. (20 min)

Moses Williams created silhouettes by operating an ingenious machine, the physignotrace. Hear

how his skill led to his freedom and see a reproduction of the machine.

“Stories of Struggle” slide show; Sat-Sun at 4:00 p.m. (30 min)

Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events

surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Special Events and Program Descriptions

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in March 10:30-10:40 - Liberty Bell Center

Ladies of Liberty Justice and Equality Hear the inspiring stories of Susan B. Anthony (Fridays), Katherine

Wentworth Ruschenberger (Saturdays) and Lucretia Mott (Sundays) and their crusades for women’s rights.

Saturdays in March 11:30-11:40 - Printing Office

Gentlewomen of the Press (Women Printers of the 18th Century) From Deborah Franklin and her assistance at her husband’s shop to Mary Katherine Goddard, who printed the first copy of the Declaration of independence to include the names of the signers; learn more about this fascinating group of women.

Saturdays and Sundays in March 1:30-1:40 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

Wives of the Generals Find out more about the women whose personal sacrifices helped win the American Revolution.

Saturdays and Sundays in March 3:00-3:30 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

Celebrate **Women’s History Month** by joining a special program led by a Park Ranger highlighting the contributions of women to our nation.

Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 - Congress Hall

Battling for the Ballot Hear about the uphill battle suffragists faced - from Susan B. Anthony herself - in this special Congress Hall program. Susan B. Anthony dedicated much of her life to fighting for women’s suffrage. In 1876, she saw no better place to bring her cries against "taxation without representation", than Independence Hall. Woman suffragists felt democracy would be more complete once women were allowed to vote. Now, 138 years after Susan B. Anthony’s visit to Independence Hall, how far have we come?